



**City of Santa Barbara  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Regular Monthly Meeting of  
THE WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 14, 2008

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Westside Community Center Advisory Committee was called to order by Acting Chairperson Carlos Guerrero at 7:00 PM at the Westside Community Center, 423 W. Victoria Street.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present

Raquel Vela Mendoza  
Jesús Rodríguez  
Rosalina Palacios  
Vidal Chiprez  
Carlos Rodríguez  
Gloria Franco

Members Absent

Staff Present

Ricardo Venegas, Community Services Coordinator II

City Council Liaison

None

Parks and Recreation Commission

Nolo Gonzalez

Guests

Lucero Marquez, SER/Jobs for Progress

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion for approval of minutes was made by Chiprez and seconded by Rodriguez. Passed unanimously.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Carlos Guerrero commented that he met with Chief Sanchez to discuss the possibility of having a City Pride Day throughout the City with specific projects handled by the advisory Committees. City Pride Day is a

great way of building community and promoting advisory committees. Rosalina and Nolo announced that UCSB students will be having a Walk-Out on February 20, 2008 from 2:00PM – 6:00PM – there will be speakers/presentations throughout the event.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Pilgrim Terrace Community Garden** – All garden plots have been rented out except for one ADA accessible garden plot located at the main entrance to the garden.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Combined Quarterly Advisory Committees meeting** – The combined quarterly advisory committees meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 13, 2008. Members discussed possible agenda items including the orientation and training for new members. Staff is working with the Santa Barbara Non-Profit Support Center to develop a training module.

**Community Center Park Area Renovation** – Staffed informed that the Park Renovation Project has been moved to the top of the priority list. Committee requested that Staff coordinate with Allen Browning and/or responsible party to come before the Committee to provide an update within the next couple of months.

**Neighborhood Preservation CDBG Projects 2008** – Staffed informed the Committee that Antonio was attending the Human Services Committee's, meeting to assist with interviews this evening-the projects being presented include; the Lower Westside Center's security fencing along the railway and Loma Alta lighting and the renovation of the Ortega Park Welcome House as well as the Franklin Complex Camera Installation Project on the Eastside.

**SER/Jobs For Progress/Work Force Investment Board Grant** – Lucero Marquez, SER Program Coordinator, informed the Committee that they are ready for the neighborhood meeting on the 21 of February from 6-9 PM here at the Westside Center. SER Staff continues to conduct outreach services to different schools and neighborhoods including Rincon, La Cuesta, El Puente, and eastside & Westside neighborhoods. They are also approaching both non-profit agencies and business to discuss possible job placements within their organizations.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:47 PM, there being no further business to come before the committee, the Westside Community Center Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairperson Carlos Guerrero.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ricardo S. Venegas  
Community Services Coordinator II